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JANUARY - MARCH 2007 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, April 18, 2007 -- The **January - March 2007 quarterly milk production** for South Dakota totaled 401 million pounds, 10 percent above last year's 364 million pounds and 6 percent above last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

During the first quarter of 2007, the **average number of milk cows**, at 84,000, is up 3,000 head from last year and last quarter.

During 2006, the number of **milk cows** averaged 81,000, unchanged from the previous year. **Milk produced per cow** averaged 18,580 pounds, up from 17,741 pounds in 2005. **Total milk** produced in 2006, at 1,505 million pounds, was up 5 percent from 2005.

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